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Edn. & P. H. **(1937) Department.**

Ms. **SERIES.**

G.O. No. 3114 P.H.

DATED 17-11-1937

Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question —
Preferential treatment to the
patients in the medical
ward of the Lady Goschen
Hospital, Mangalore
Records

Question. Assembly Secretariat,

4--8--1937

MR. K. ICHHAMA

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH

196. Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that some patients in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore in the general and other wards are given a preferential treatment by the D.M.O. Capt. K.K.Nambyar, with the result that they absor all the attention of the staff to the neglect of other and serious cases in the wards;

(b) whether ~~the Government are aware~~ it is a fact that there was such a patient in the medical ward of the hospital who was receiving such preference from the D.M.O. and the Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mrs. Thomas, in April and May 1937;

(c) whether in this connection there was a serious difference between the Woman Assistant Surgeon, Mrs. Wright, who is now in Trichinopoly, on one side and the Woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mrs. Thomas supported by the D.M.O. on the other;

(d) whether the District Collector was requested by the Surgeon General to enquire ~~in~~ into this matter;

(e) if so, what the result of the Collector's finding was, and whether the Government ~~could~~ will place the report on the table?

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Legislative Assembly Question No. 196 - Preferential treatment to the patients in the medical ward of the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangal Mangalore and the consequent difference of opinion between the medic medical officers.

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Memo. No. 1499 b-1. Dr. PH 25-8-37

A copy of the Legislative Assembly question No. 196 ~~mentioned above~~ is forwarded to the S.G. He is requested to furnish the necesary information on the various points raised therein. ~~with suitable answers~~

To

The S.G. (with copy of the question.)

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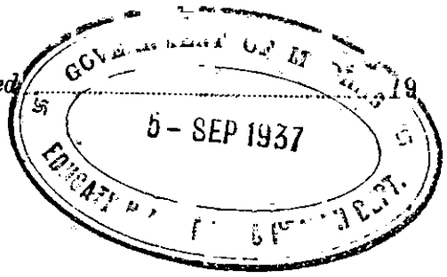

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Legislative Assembly question No. 196 - Perferential treatment to patients - Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore- difference of opinion between Medical Officers.

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In R. No. 2349 Est.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 4th. September 1937.

From (Name) Major-General Sir Frank P. Connor, Kt., D.S.C., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

Reference:- Government Memorandum No. 14996-1 D2 P.H., dated the 25th. August 1937.

I have the honour to furnish below the replies to the various points raised in the Legislative Assembly question No. 196:

(a) It is not a fact.

(b) This is also not a fact.

(c) The replies to question (a) and (b) cover this part also. The District Medical Officer had to report to this office about certain matters in connection with the administration of the Government Headquarters Hospital and Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore and incidentally about some causes of fri-

friction between himself and Mrs. G.E. Wright, Woman Assistant Surgeon.

(d) and (e) In May 1937 the following telegram was received by the Surgeon-General:

"Goschen staff terrorised by Mrs. Thomas, Capt. Nambyar leave resignation started", and this was referred to the Collector for report. A copy of the Collector's* report is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

*Copy of report.

"Reference:- Your No. 1216-1 E., dated 1st. May 1937.

My enquiries on your reference have revealed a very disconcerting state of affairs in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Langalore. There is a thorough lack of understanding between the District Medical Officer who is the Superintendent and Dr.(Mrs.) Wright, the Lady Assistant Surgeon. I had informal talks with the District Medical Officer, the Lady Assistant Surgeon and the Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon. I visited the hospital and took that opportunity to go through the Hospital Order Book. The Lady Assistant Surgeon and the Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon have not been pulling together for the past several months with the result that some of the nurses and orderlies are paying little heed to the directions of the Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon. This is all the more regrettable since the Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon is in immediate charge of the in-patients. I learn that one of the nurses has resigned the day after my visit to the hospital. Charges are pending against her. I am intentionally avoiding a discussion of the circumstances which have led up to the present impasse. I do feel that in the interests of discipline and welfare of the patients either the D.M.O. or Dr.(Mrs.) Wright will have to be transferred to some other station. If the D.M.O. is to go the Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon may find her position still worse. Public attention has not so far been focussed on this topic since the trouble reached an acute stage only about a fortnight ago. The telegram was probably sent by one of the subordinate establishment against whom charges are pending."

ession. Assembly Secretariat.
4-8-1937.

Mr.K. ISHWARA.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

DRAFT ANSWER.

196. Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state.-

(a) whether it is a fact that some patients in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore in the general and other wards are given a preferential treatment by the D.M.O. Captain K.K.Nambyar, with the result that they absorb all the attention of the staff to the neglect of other and serious cases in the wards;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was such a patient in the medical ward of the hospital who was receiving such preference from the D.M.O. and the Woman Sub-assistant surgeon, Mrs.Thomas, in April and May 1937;

(c) whether in this connection there was a serious difference between the Woman Assistant Surgeon, Mrs.Wright, who is now in Trichinopoly on one side and the Woman sub-assistant surgeon Mrs.Thomas supported by the D.M.O. on the other;

(a) and(b).- The answer is in the negative.

(c). The D.M.O., ~~while~~ reporting to the S.G. about certain matters in connection with the administration of the Govt. Headquarters Hospital and Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, referred ~~also about~~ 6 some causes of friction between himself and the Woman Asst.Surgeon, Mrs.Wright.

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(d) whether the District Collector was requested by the Surgeon-General to enquire into this matter;

(e) if so, what the result of the Collector's finding was, and whether the Govt. will place the report on the table?

(d) and (e). A telegram against the D.M.O. and the Woman Sub-assistant surgeon was received by the S.G. and referred to the Collector for report. After an enquiry the Collector reported that there was lack of understanding between the D.M.O. and the Woman Asst. surgeon. The Govt. do not consider that ~~are however unable~~ will be in the public interest to place the report on the table.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Legis. Assembly No. 3—3,506—23-3-37.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Chepauk, dated the 20th August 1937.

QUESTION NO. 196 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 31st August 1937.

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the Educational & P.H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

20.8.37

To

The Edn. & P.H. Department.

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Draft Reply. Issue sanction below for approval

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Secretariat, Legislative Assembly Building, Nairobi, 1st August 1957.

Subject:- Legislative Assembly Questions Nos. 132, 133, 134; H.C. Nos. 223 and 229 - Kenyatta, Johnstone and others and Kenya - Complaints against.

The Hon. the Minister for Health, Labour and Housing may be informed that under Secretariat Instruction 6(f3), His Excellency the Governor desires that the files relating to the questions referred to above be circulated to him before the Government Reply to the Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

C.J.C.,
1-8-57.

p. 2 Cf. Memo.No. 14996-1.D2. P.H. dated 25-8-'37)

p. 3. Cf. C.No. 16018 from the S.G. No. 2349.Est. d. 4-9-'37.

Please see the answers furnished by the S.G. at pages 3 and 4 Cf.

~~Answers to~~ Clauses (a) and (b) of the question. The S.G. states that there is no truth in the allegations contained in these ~~questions~~ clauses. - [Attention is however invited to answer to question No. 198 according to which it is stated that a patient was kept on for 3 months in the maternity section overruling the judgement of the Honorary Physician in charge. The allegations in these questions also are almost of a similar type.]

~~Answer to~~ Clause (c). ~~While~~ The S.G. while stating that the answer to this ~~question~~ clause also is covered by the answers to clauses (a) and (b) refers to some friction between the D.M.O. and the woman Asst. surgeon. The Collector who made enquiries ~~into the matter~~ at the instance of the S.G. (in connection with a telegram recd by him) speaks of a very disconcerting state of affairs. He has also stated that he is intentionally avoiding a discussion on the circumstances which have led to the impasse. He however recommended the transfer of either the D.M.O. or the Lady Asst. Surgeon in the interests of discipline and welfare of the patients. ~~This shows that all was not well with Lady Goschen Hospital. The answer suggested by the~~ is S.G. may not therefore be quite ~~sufficient.~~ correct. In view however of the fact that a copy of the report of the Collector also has to be placed on the table

the first sentance of the answer suggested by the S.G. may be omitted. The answer to this question may be as follows.-

The D.M.O. while reporting to the S.G. about certain matters in connection the administration of the Govt. Headquarters Hospital and Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore referred also, ~~about~~ to some causes of friction between himself and the Woman Asst. Surgeon Mrs. Wright'

Clauses (d) and (e) of the question. ~~The answer given by the S.G. may be accepted.~~ On receipt of a telegram 11.9.37 against the D.M.O. & the woman Asst. Surgeon the S.G. referred it to the Coll^r. for report. The Collector reported that there was lack of understanding between the D.M.O. & the Woman Asst. Surgeon. ~~& that the Coll^r.'s report need not be placed on the table.~~ / No. 48 HG

2. A draft answer is sorted for approval. It may be circulated to Hon. M.P.H & HE.

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This is an unstarred question. No further action is called for. This may be

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